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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose a competitive provider (Sonic.net) because I believe in the principle of free competition. In particular, I choose a competitive provider because it seems motivated by the prospect of providing the best service possible, both DSL and telephone, rather than basing its business model on profit first. My experiences with this provider have validated by reasons for the choice.

We frequently hear the term "free enterprise." I claim that, according to the most common principles of the republic, this blending of "free competition" and "private enterprise" is an improper reading of the principles upon which the country was allegedly founded. Notwithstanding your opinion of that reading, my point is that private enterprise can only exist where there is free competition.

But free competition and private enterprise requires some regulation of the marketplace, lest those with the greatest assets gain by a lack of government oversight of their use of these assets, often used in order to crush the free competition which, to me, was a part of our founding development as a capitalist society. When this regulatory path is not pursued, it is not free choice.

I urge you to hasten back to the days of Theodore Roosevelt and earlier and return to the principles upon which the Republican Party was founded.

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